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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SMUGGLING OF M-16S

REF: BANGKOK 3133

1. U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED GKR WITH MORE THAN 180,000 M-16S SINCE 1970. ACCOUNTABILITY, WHICH WAS BY SERIAL NUMBER UNTIL TITLE TRANSFER OF WEAPONS TO FANK, IS NOW BY PHYSICAL COUNT ONLY. FURTHERMORE, FANK HAS PURCHASED M-16S IN PAST FROM ARVN DURING LATTER'S ACCOUNTABILITY OF THESE WEAPONS. AN ADDITIONAL FACTOR IS ESTIMATED COMBAT LOSSES OF M-16S, OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY HALF, OR 10,000 WEAPONS, HAVE BEEN REPORTEDLY CAPTURED.

2. ABOVE IS SUFFICIENT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT STATUS OF M-16S IN CAMBODIA IS HIGHLY COMPLEX. MAP RECORDS MAINTAINED BY MEDTC ARE EXTENSIVE AND NON-COMPUTERIZED. TO ATTEMPT TO FIND FOUR SERIAL NUMBERS WITHIN THESE RECORDS, WE BELIEVE WOULD REQUIRE MORE TIME AND PERSONNEL THAN WE CAN SPARE.
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